

AMENDMENT AND PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS

Please replace all prior claims in the present application with the following claims, in which claims 1-4, 18 and 20-22 are currently amended.

1. (Currently Amended) In a telecommunications network, a method comprising the steps of:
receiving a request to forward ~~calls~~ a call supporting a facsimile communication or a modem communication directed to a first destination to a second destination; and
contacting the second destination to obtain an approval for the request to forward ~~calls~~ the call from the first destination to the second destination.
2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of denying the request to forward ~~calls~~ the call when the approval is not obtained.
3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of granting the request to forward ~~calls~~ the call when the approval is obtained.
4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of contacting comprises ~~placing a call to~~ calling the second destination and requesting the approval.
5. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein the telecommunications system includes an interactive voice response (IVR) unit that generates a voice message for requesting the approval.
6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the first destination is a telephone set.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the first destination is a computer system with telephony capabilities for placing a call.

8. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein the second destination is a computer system with telephony capabilities for receiving a call.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the second destination is a computer system with telephony capabilities for receiving a call.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the second destination is a telephone set.

11. (Original) In a telecommunications network having a first computer system and a second computer system, a method comprising the steps of:

providing a configuration wherein a video communication session is initially directed to the

first computer system;

receiving a request to direct the video communication session to the second computer system;

sending a communication to the second computer system to obtain approval of the request;

and

redirecting the video communication session to the second computer system when the

approval is obtained.

12. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein the video communication session is a video conferencing session.

13. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein the step of sending the communication comprises sending an electronic mail message.

14. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein the step of sending the communication comprises sending a video mail message.

15. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein the step of sending the communication comprises sending a facsimile.

16. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein the step of sending the communication comprises placing a phone call.

17. (Original) The method of claim 11 further comprising the step of denying the request when the approval is not obtained.

18. (Currently Amended) A call forwarding system comprising:

a switch for directing ~~calls~~ a call supporting a facsimile communication or a modem communication intended for a first destination to a second destination when call forwarding is activated; and
approval logic coupled to the switch for contacting the second destination to obtain approval for the request to direct the calls from the first destination to the second destination before call forwarding is activated.

19. (Original) The call forwarding system of claim 18, wherein the switch is a private branch exchange (PBX).

20. (Currently Amended) The call forwarding system of claim 18, wherein the approval logic comprises an interactive voice response unit for generating a verbal message soliciting the approval for the directing of the calls.

21. (Currently Amended) The call forwarding system of claim 18, wherein call forwarding is not activated if the approval for the directing of the calls is not obtained.

22. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of automatically forwarding ~~calls~~ the call when the approval is obtained.

23. (Previously Presented) A method of processing a multi-media call, the method comprising:

receiving a request to forward the multi-media call directed to a first destination to a second destination; and

obtaining an approval for the request from the second destination to forward the multi-media call from the first destination to the second destination.

24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, wherein the multi-media call supports one of a facsimile session, an email session, a paging session, and a video session.

25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, wherein the approval is obtained via a web interface.